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FEED SUPPLIES FOR 1943-44 EQUAL TO RECORD OF 1942-43 NOW IN PROSPECT

Supplies of commercial by-product feeds for domestic use during the 1943-44 season from present indications will probably equal the record production of 1942-43, the War Food Administration reports. The output of grain by-product feeds is expected to equal last year's high level. Supplies of oilseed meals should also be about the same as last season. Increases in production and imports of flaxseed and increases in production of peanuts for crushing should compensate for decreases in production of cottonseed.

Supplies of grain by-product feeds and oilseed meals for the 1942-43 season were 50 per cent larger than average and nearly 20 per cent greater than those of the previous season. Supplies of these feeds for domestic use totaled 13,203,900 tons for 1942-43, compared with 11,064,100 tons in 1941-42 and 8,771,500 tons for the average of the ten years, 1931-40.

With large increases in livestock numbers, demand for feed was great and prices remained at maximum levels. Adjustments in maximum prices resulted in an advance of the index number of wholesale feedstuff prices to 191.7 at the middle of November compared with 164.5 for November 1942; 149.5 in November 1941 and 118.6 in November 1940. Bran, linseed meal and soybean meal prices in November were about 17 per cent higher than last year while cottonseed meal and gluten feed advanced 25 per cent. Bran, cottonseed meal and gluten feed prices are about 70 per cent higher than the 10-year average while soybean meal is 60 per cent higher and linseed meal is a little over 40 per cent higher.

Supplies of wheat millfeeds for the 1942-43 season were 5,189,300 tons; an increase of 530,000 tons over last year and 639,100 tons over the 10-year average. Although the 1943 wheat crop was slightly smaller than in 1942, supplies of wheat appear adequate for continued large millings to meet our own and Allied needs for wheat products.

In spite of serious shortages of commercial corn during the summer months, production of gluten feed and meal in 1942-43 was slightly larger than the record output of the previous year. Production for 1942-43 was 969,000 tons as compared with 961,800 tons for 1941-42 and 570,400 tons the 10-year average, an increase of 70 per cent. With a corn crop nearly as large as last year and processors operating at near capacity, supplies of gluten feed for the current season should equal those of last year.

While the production of Distillers Dried Grains increased only 3.3 per cent, the production of Brewers Dried Grains for 1942-43 increased 38 per cent over the previous year. Production of Distillers Dried Grains was 356,900 tons and of Brewers Dried Grains 232,400 tons for 1942-43 as compared, with 189,900 tons and 105,900 tons, respectively, for the six-year (1935-40) average.

The production of soybean meal in 1942-43 increased 72 per cent over the previous year, and 406 per cent over the 10-year average. Approximately 3,158,300 tons of soybean meal were available for domestic consumption in 1942-43 compared with 1,825,200 tons in 1941-42 and 643,100 tons the 10-year average. Soybean meal supplies in 1942-43 exceeded those of cottonseed meal for the first time on record and were about 3/5 as large as supplies of wheat feeds. The soybean crop this year is slightly smaller than last, and a larger proportion of it may be ground for flour for domestic and foreign consumption. It is expected however that with larger facilities for crushing and a higher quality crop, a larger proportion of the soybeans will be crushed. This would result in a supply of soybean meal equal to or slightly larger than last seasons record supply.

The supply of linseed meal was 12 per cent less in 1942-43 than in 1941-42 due to smaller imports and a smaller crop of flaxseed. The supply of linseed meal during 1942-43 was 795,000 tons as compared with 891,200 tons for the previous season and 281,000 tons for the 10-year average. With an indicated increase of about 35 per cent in flaxseed production this year and expected increases in imports, the supply of linseed meal for the 1943-44 season may total nearly a million tons.

As a result of a large crop of cotton in 1942 the supply of cottonseed meal in 1942-43 was 2,062,000 tons as compared with 1,827,800 tons the previous year and 2,007,600 for the 10-year average. With a reduction of 12 per cent in the 1943 crop of cotton the production of cottonseed meal is expected to drop to about 1,800,000 tons for the 1943-44 season.

The supply of peanut meal in 1942-43 was 66 per cent larger than the supply in 1941-42, more than double the 10-year average, but was about 20 per cent less than the record supply in 1940-41. An increase of about 22 per cent in the production of peanuts this year will be partially offset by a larger demand for peanuts by the edible trade but from present indications the supply of cake and meal will be about 70 per cent larger than last year and may total around 180,000 tons.

Because of the shortage of ships for importation of copra, the supply of copra meal was only 33,800 tons last year as compared with 126,200 tons for the 10-year average. The production of beet pulp was approximately 300,000 tons, an increase of 22 per cent over the 10-year average. With a 38 per cent reduction in the 1943 sugar beet crop the supply of beet pulp will be reduced considerably for the current season.

An extremely active demand advanced the prices of all feeds sharply in the fall of 1942. The index of feed prices advanced from 156.1 in October to 173.2 in January and to 176.7 in March. In June and July the index dropped to 176.4. With increases in the maximum prices of oilseeds July 31, 1943, the index for August advanced to 187.6.

Wheat millfeeds are about 16 per cent higher than last year. The average price of bran at leading markets was \$41.20 per ton in November compared with \$35.45 a year ago and \$23.95 for the 10-year average. Middlings and shorts were \$41.05 in November 1943 and \$37.40 in November 1942.

Maximum Price Regulation 479, effective October 20, 1943, allowed an advance of about \$7.00 a ton in prices of gluten feed. Under the new regulation the average prices of gluten feed at leading markets was \$45.25 per ton in November as compared with \$37.00 in October and \$36.10 in November 1942 and \$26.70 the 10-year average.

Linseed meal prices advanced to an average of \$57.95 per ton for April. On April 24th Maximum Price Regulation 370 became effective which lowered the level of prices so that the average at leading markets for May, June and July was \$47.40. An amendment to the order in July allowed prices to advance so that the average price for August was \$50.35, which is about the same as the November average.

Soybean meal and cottonseed meal prices advanced gradually until July 1943 when specific maximum prices were established. Prices of soybean meal at leading markets averaged \$45.85 a ton in November 1942, \$42.40 in July 1943 and to \$53.55 in August which is also the November price. The price of cottonseed meal at leading markets was \$43.65 a ton in November 1942, \$44.60 in July, \$55.15 in August and \$54.75 in November 1943.

The average price of Peanut meal was \$38.00 a ton from November to July at leading markets. Maximum Price Regulation 442 allowed prices to advance so that the August average was \$53.00 as per ton.

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Special Feed Report

Feedstuffs: Supplies Current Season with Comparisons

Feedstuffs	July-Sept. 1943	Oct. 1943	Oct. 1942 Sept. 1943	Oct. 1941 Sept. 1942	Oct. 1940 Sept. 1941	10-yr. av. (1931-40) Oct.-Sept.
	1,000 Tons	1,000 Tons	1,000 Tons	1,000 Tons	1,000 Tons	1,000 Tons
Grain by-product feeds						
Wheat Millfeeds	1,234.8	5,189.3	4,609.6	4,812.0	4,550.2	
1/ Gluten Feed and Meal	229.2	969.0	961.8	758.6	570.4	
1/ Distillers Dried Grains	87.1	356.9	345.4	206.4	139.9	
1/ Brewers Dried Grains	68.9	232.4	168.7	117.2	105.9	
Oilseed cakes and meals						
Cottonseed	331.8	2,062.0	1,827.8	2,039.4	2,007.6	
Soybean	681.5	3,158.3	1,825.2	1,526.1	643.1	
Linseed	216.5	795.0	891.2	740.5	281.0	
Peanut	22.7	107.4	64.4	141.0	50.5	
Copra	8.8	33.8	72.2	173.8	126.2	
Total oilseed cakes and meals	1,261.3	6,156.5	4,680.8	4,620.8	3,108.4	
2/ Beet Pulp		299.8	297.3	322.1	246.7	
T O T A L	2,931.3	13,203.9	11,064.1	10,837.1	8,771.5	

1/ Production only 2/ Preliminary 3/ 5 Year (1935-1940) average.

Feedstuffs: Wholesale Mid-Month Average Price
Per Ton at Leading Markets

Month	Bran	Mid- lings & Shorts	Cotton- seed Meal	Lin- seed Meal	Soy- bean Meal	Gluten Feed	Peanut Meal	Index Number
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	
10-year average 1932-41	23.96	22.42	31.68	35.23	33.32	26.71	-----	114.6
January, 1942	35.96	36.94	46.16	41.06	47.57	32.93	44.00	165.5
February "	35.49	36.79	44.53	44.26	47.73	35.08	45.50	165.3
March "	38.72	39.14	44.43	42.46	46.47	36.20	44.75	170.6
April "	40.16	40.50	43.67	40.04	42.43	30.74	46.25	168.2
May "	39.89	39.85	42.52	38.40	39.97	29.69	47.00	165.0
June "	39.58	40.97	42.10	37.58	39.98	31.25	35.50	166.6
July "	37.16	40.12	41.74	38.69	42.80	31.94	36.50	164.0
August "	35.00	36.72	41.80	39.02	43.63	33.25	36.75	158.6
September "	34.94	36.10	42.12	39.96	45.80	34.10	36.75	158.6
October "	34.01	36.21	41.95	39.59	41.58	34.75	36.75	156.1
November "	35.46	37.42	43.63	43.20	45.83	36.10	38.00	2/
December "	39.98	40.20	43.99	45.95	39.50	36.27	38.00	172.0
January, 1943	40.03	40.00	43.25	47.02	40.62	36.19	38.00	173.2
February "	38.53	40.28	43.27	48.65	40.70	36.50	38.00	171.7
March "	40.89	41.19	42.14	53.07	41.03	35.70	38.00	176.7
April "	41.24	41.25	43.27	57.95	41.03	35.15	38.00	177.7
May "	41.08	41.10	46.92	47.40	42.39	35.15	38.00	177.1
June "	41.08	41.09	44.61	47.40	42.39	35.72	38.00	176.2
July "	41.06	41.07	44.61	47.40	42.39	36.52	38.00	176.4
August "	41.28	41.13	55.17	50.34	53.54	36.98	53.00	187.6
September "	41.28	41.11	55.32	50.30	53.54	36.98	53.00	188.4
October "	41.28	41.11	53.15	50.28	53.54	36.98	53.00	189.3
November "	41.19	41.03	54.77	50.40	53.54	45.26	53.00	191.7

1/ These quotations are nominal and are based largely upon ceiling prices, applicable freight rates, and usual handling charges, and may not be comparable with previous quotations.

2/ No index available because of number of oilseed meals not offered or quoted in the markets.

